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RAPTOR INFORMATION NEEDED

Work is in progress on the preparation of a North American hawk watching guide. Persons who can provide color or black and white photographs of diurnal raptors perched or in flight, or who can provide site details on raptor migration lookouts, roosts, wintering areas, or other concentration areas are asked to contact Donald S. Heintzelman, 629 Green Street, Allentown, Penn. 18102.

PELAGIC TRIP TO GEORGES BANK

Limited space still available

Most New England birders are discouraged by the inaccessability of the really good pelagic birding areas. On June 19-21, Bird Observer is sponsoring a trip to the fishing fleet on the continental slope of Georges Bank, the most productive seabird region in the northeast. The 100' Yankee Capt.'s, with 48 bunks on board, will leave the Cape Ann Marina in Gloucester for Georges Bank at 10 p.m. on Monday, June 19, and will return on the morning of Wednesday, June 21 (around 2 A.M.), giving birders an entire day on the bank. The price is \$52.00; please send payment promptly to: Robert Stymeist, 46 Beaver Street, Waltham, Massachusetts 02154. The fare includes transportation only and is refundable only in the case of foul weather.

Leaders: Robert Stymeist and Richard Veit.

Georges Bank is located 110 miles from Gloucester at its closest point. Richard Veit spent June 1-14, 1977, in the area of Georges Bank, and observed the following: 300 Northern Fulmars, 20,000 Greater Shearwaters, 3,000 Sooty Shearwaters, 50,000 Wilson's Storm Petrels, many Leach's Storm Petrels, 25 skuas (including at least 8 South Polar Skuas, 2-3 Long-tailed Jaegers and much more--virtually anything is possible.

Negotiations on off-shore drilling of Georges bank are still pending. This may be one of the last opportunities to visit this very productive fishing area before drillings begin.

GREATER BOSTON BREEDING BIRD CENSUS

On Saturday, June 17, 1978, a breeding bird census will take place. The area covered, the rules and the format will be the same as the annual Greater Boston Christmas Bird Count. In 1977, we recorded a surprising 112 species with limited coverage. (See BOEM Vol. 5, No. 5, p. 155 ff. for full report.) Anyone interested in participating in this worthwhile project is urged to contact Robert H. Stymeist, 46 Beaver Street, Waltham, Massachusetts 02154, or call 891-7313.